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Government servants

* 34 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Government servants who have married a second spouse when the first spouse is alive; and

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken against them?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (a) The time and labour involved in the collection of the information will not be commensurate with the public interest that it may serve.

(b) Any punishment prescribed in the Madras Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, from censure to dismissal, may be imposed upon a Government servant who commits a breach of rule 19 of the Madras Government Servants' Conduct Rules.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Sir, may I know whether the Government have received any complaints so far in this matter?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: I have no information. If any specific complaint is referred to, then we can look into it.

DR. A SREENIVASAN: Is it necessary that the aggrieved party should send a complaint to the Government or can a third party invite the attention of the Government to matters like this?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, normally we would not like a third person to interfere in domestic matters. (Laughter). Perhaps, the House is not aware of the question which the hon. Member has put. If any person marries another spouse when one is already living, the person, if he is a Government servant, is liable to be punished under the Government Servants' Conduct Rules. Naturally the person affected should make a complaint to the Government.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Sir, knowing the mentality of the Hindu wives, does the Hon. Minister expect the Hindu wife, to complain to the Government, unless it is done by one of the relatives of the first wife?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Well, if people do not want to complain, they have to take the consequences.

Aluminium vessels

* 35 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued any communique about the injuriousness of the aluminium vessels marketed in the State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any representation has been received from the manufacturers of the aluminium vessels in this regard; and